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Sliwoski to retire as Director of Department of General Services

~ Sliwoski led agency for nearly a decade, helped spearhead Capitol renovation ~

Richmond, VA – The Department of General Services announced today that Director Richard F. Sliwoski, P.E., will retire in October after nearly a decade leading the agency.

Sliwoski is leaving state government following a distinguished career in public service that spans almost four decades. The former Army officer and professional engineer has extensive leadership experience in managing major projects and helped spearhead the construction, renovation and underground expansion of the historic Virginia Capitol.

“Rich challenged his staff to be innovative and entrepreneurial and to do it in a way that drives down the cost of government. Under his leadership, the Department of General Services created programs that have improved the operation of government while saving taxpayers millions,” said **Governor Terry McAuliffe**. “Rich has been a dedicated public servant, and I wish him the best in his retirement.”

“No matter how much you love where you are, you come to a place when you know in your heart it’s the right time to leave,” **Sliwoski** said. “This is my time.”

Sliwoski manages the agency’s more than 600 employees, four divisions and eight business units. DGS operates and maintains over 3 million square feet of facilities at the seat of government, including the historic Capitol and Executive Mansion; operates the Commonwealth’s e-procurement system, eVA, which has processed over 6.7 million orders worth more than \$58 billion; performs over 7 million analytical laboratory tests annually; manages Virginia’s consolidated real estate portfolio, which has resulted in a cost savings of \$126 million over the past decade; operates and maintains a state vehicle fleet of 4,700; runs a 7,000-space parking system; operates the federal and state surplus programs; and runs the \$33

million per year Virginia Distribution Center providing food and janitorial supplies throughout the Commonwealth.

Prior to his appointment as Director of the Department of General Services (DGS) in 2006 Sliwoski served more than five years as Director of the department's Division of Engineering and Buildings, where he managed the capital outlay program for the Commonwealth and served as the building code official for all facilities on state-owned property.

A native of Massachusetts, Sliwoski is a former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officer who holds advanced degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Xavier University, Salve Regina College and the Naval War College. In 2003, he went to Slovenia to teach a course for the U.S. Treasury on the capital acquisition process to representatives from Bulgaria, Kosovo, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. He also has traveled to South Africa for the U.S. Treasury to review the Capital Program for that nation.

Sliwoski served on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Council of State Governments. In 2012, he was selected to participate in the Council of State Governments' Toll Fellowship Program, one of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state government officials. He serves as Chairman and as a representative on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Building Safety and Technology and is on the Board of Directors and former Past President of the National Association of State Chief Administrators. In 2015, Sliwoski presented on e-procurement, transparency and other topics at the World Bank Risk and Reform Forum, to the Mandela Washington Fellows, and before a Chinese delegation from Guizhou Province.

Governor McAuliffe and his team have begun the search for Sliwoski's successor and will make an announcement when a selection is made.

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